



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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2-60 FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY

2-60-1 Definitions

A. Facial Recognition

The ability to take an image of an unknown individual and compare it to a repository of images of known individuals with the goal to make a possible identification

B. Universal Facial Workstation (UFW)

The software platform provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to perform facial recognition

C. Morphotrek Facial Recognition Detective (MFD)

A web-based interface that can be used to make basic facial recognition comparisons

D. Morphotrek Facial Recognition Expert (MFE)

A software platform that can be used to perform advanced facial recognition functions.

E. Repository

A storage system of images of offenders who have been arrested of a crime.

F. Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD)

G. Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI)

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A. The Albuquerque Police Department may utilize Facial Recognition technology to assist officers in the potential identification of individuals, who may be concealing their identity or have committed a known crime. Facial Recognition may be used as an investigative tool when an indication exists that a person may be concealing their identity and the subject is willing to have their photograph taken in accordance with department policy. The technology can also be used to identify subjects caught on surveillance photography committing a known crime.

B. A person not under arrest, who is cooperating with an investigation, shall not be photographed for the purpose of identification without consent. Requests for consent shall be recorded and documented in the police report.

1. If consent is withdrawn, use of Facial Recognition is **not** authorized and its use must stop immediately. Officer may not force or coerce the person to submit to the use of the Digiscan.



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- C. An officer shall have probable cause for an arrest (to include charges other than Concealing Identity) **prior** to submitting an image for Facial Recognition unless voluntary consent is obtained.
- D. Use of the Facial Recognition device in the identification process shall be documented and referenced with a CAD or case number.
- E. Officers shall adhere to all department policies when using Facial Recognition, including those addressing improper or racial profiling.
- F. The random use of Facial Recognition is prohibited. Any unauthorized use of the Facial Recognition may result in disciplinary action.
- G. Facial Recognition technology can be used to help identify deceased persons. Facial recognition may be used to assist in identifying a deceased individual only as directed and authorized by OMI personnel.
- H. Facial recognition technology can be used to identify unknown suspects who were captured on surveillance video committing a crime.
- I. Images of known crimes published on private-public partnership web sites can be used and uploaded into UFW, MFD, MFE for comparison.
- J. Any department personnel wishing to utilize facial recognition repository will be required to submit the photograph to the Real Time Crime Center for processing.
- K. Only authorized personnel of the Real Time Crime Center will be allowed to submit photographs to the facial recognition repositories for possible identification.
- L. When trained RTCC personnel identify a possible match, they will notify the officer or case agent and supply them with possible names and images of known offenders.
- M. Any facial recognition matches can only be used as an investigative lead and cannot be the sole basis for an arrest or the detainment of a possible suspect.
- N. All Personnel using the repository will be required to obtain and hold NCIC certification.